

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Samuel J. Gover House Inventory Number: BA-2125

Address: 2 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, Baltimore County

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel Number: 253 Tax Map Number: 42

Project MD 45 (York Road) at Shawan Road Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no ☒ yes Name: Anne Bruder Date: 07/16/2001

Eligibility recommended      Eligibility **not** recommended     

Criteria      A      B      C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district? ☒ no      yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: ☒ no      yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

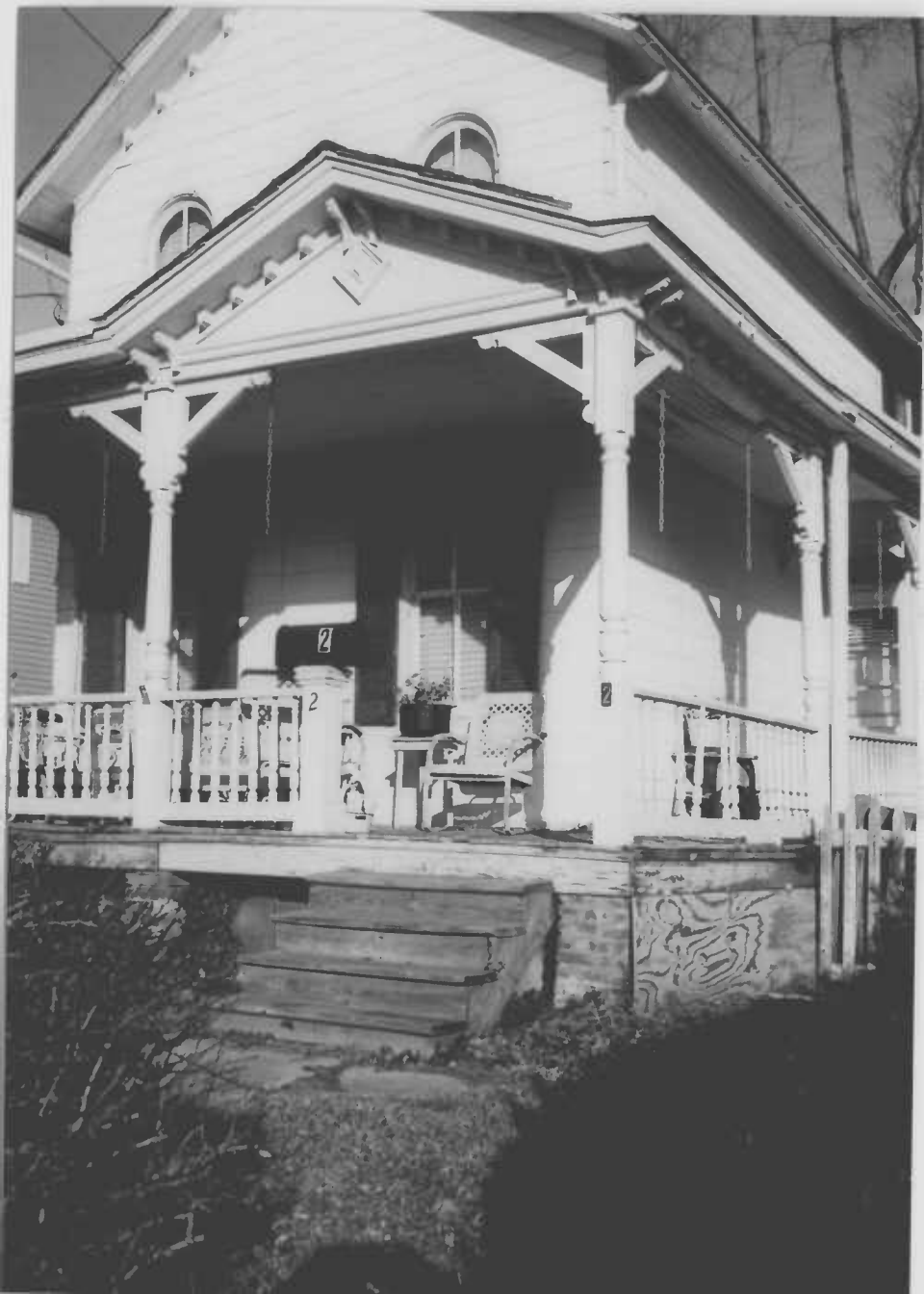
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Samuel Gover House, an 1885 Queen Anne style dwelling, remains a single family dwelling, surrounded by commercial structures. Although the building retains much original material, it is beginning to lose integrity of materials. Because of the massive development of Hunt Valley the feeling, setting and association have been lost. As a result, the Gover House is not individually eligible under Criterion C (architecture), nor do the surrounding buildings retain sufficient integrity to form a district to which this building could contribute.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder

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<u>Andrew Levin</u> ✓	<u>04/02/02</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>P. Kuntz</u>	<u>4/9/02</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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CARROLL J. GUYER HOUSE.

BATHMORE, MD

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SOUTH FACADE

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c.1885

Samuel J. Gover House  
Marble Hill  
Private

The Samuel J. Gover House is located in Marble Hill, Baltimore County, Maryland. The house faces south towards Shawan Road and is the second of six houses running from east to west along the north side of Shawan Road. This Queen Anne style dwelling was built c. 1885 on an uncoursed rubble foundation and its original wooden German siding is now covered with asbestos shingle. The 2½-story house consists of 3 sections: the original gable-fronted section is two-bays wide and three-bays deep with a one-bay wide, one-bay deep entry appended to the central bay of the east facade; attached to the north facade of the original section is a three-bay wide, two-bay deep addition, 2½-stories tall with a gable roof running east to west; attached to the northeast corner of that addition is a one-story shed-roofed addition which runs the depth of the east facade and half the width of the north facade of the second-mentioned addition. The roofs of all sections are covered with asphalt composition roofing material; all windows have wooden sash. A bracketed, one-story porch with turned posts and balusters fronts the south and east facades of the original section.

The Samuel J. Gover House is significant as a good example of the Queen Anne architectural style that was popular in the United States during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The house contributes significantly to the Victorian architectural character of Marble Hill, a cross-roads community in Baltimore County, Maryland.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Samuel J. Gover House

AND/OR COMMON  
Maurice Kearney House**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 2 Shawan Road

CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF Marble Hill CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3rd

STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Maurice F. Kearney

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
2 Shawan Road

CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF Marble Hill STATE, zip code Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 1387

Folio #: 92

STREET & NUMBER  
Pennsylvania Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The original section is characterized by a one-story bracketed porch with turned posts and balusters; it fronts the south and east facades. Arched windows on the south facade features 2/2 lights and are flanked by louvred wooden blinds. The northernmost windows on the west and east facades have 2/2 lights, the central and south bays have no fenestration.

The south facade of the second addition is characterized by windows in the western bays at both the first and second story levels. The first story of the west facade contains a triple window while the second story contains a single window. The north facade features two windows on the second story level and a door in the west bay of the first story. A single window punctuates the east facade of the second story and all windows have 6/6 lights with wooden sash.

The north facade of the two-bay wide shed-roofed addition features a wooden door in the west bay and a 6-light casement window in the east bay. The east facade is punctuated by two, single-sash windows.

The interior of the dwelling was inaccessible.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The crossroads village of Marble Hill developed in the last quarter of the nineteenth century as a result of its strategic location at the junction of Western Run Turnpike (now Shawan Road) and York Turnpike (now York Road). Both turnpikes were heavily traveled in the late 1800's and early 1900's by persons transporting goods north to York, Pennsylvania or south to Baltimore. Western Run Turnpike, in operation from 1867 to 1918, located one of its tollgates on the south side of Shawan Road at its junction with York Road. In addition to servicing these toll roads, Marble Hill became a community for people working in the nearby marble quarries and iron ore mines. Today Marble Hill consists of about 16 buildings erected primarily between 1800 and 1900; of the six buildings identified on the Hopkins 1877 Atlas of Baltimore County, only two remain.

In the fall of 1885, Samuel J. Gover leased a 50' x 217½' lot for \$250 plus \$15 yearly rent from John J. and Amelia Wight, owners of the large "Bonnie Blink" estate to the north of the lot (Baltimore County Land Records, liber WMI 147, folio 572). Four years later, Gover paid the Wight's \$250 and received title to the property (liber JWS 176, folio 507). John Tyrie, the owner of a marble grave monument business in Cockeysville, purchased the property in 1932 (liber LMCLM 898, folio 388). The current owners, Maurice F., Jr. and Mary Eleanor Kearney, purchased the property in 1945 for \$3500 from John Tyrie's executors.

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The original section was probably constructed during the first four years of Gover's ownership, 1885-1889. The 1918 tax list shows the Gover House as having a one-story addition as well as the original portion. The present owners enlarged the one-story addition to its current 2½-story size in the 1950's (interview with Maruice Kearney, April 1981).



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Towson, Maryland.

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of Baltimore County, Maryland.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM reference #: 18-357960-4372920

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The property measures 60' x 217½' with 60' frontage  
along Shawan Road.

It is identified as parcel 253, section 42, block 15  
in the eighth election district of Baltimore County.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE Joan Gearren, student

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

May 15, 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1432 Dartmouth Road

TELEPHONE

301-661-6218

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created  
by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the  
Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,  
1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information  
and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringe-  
ment of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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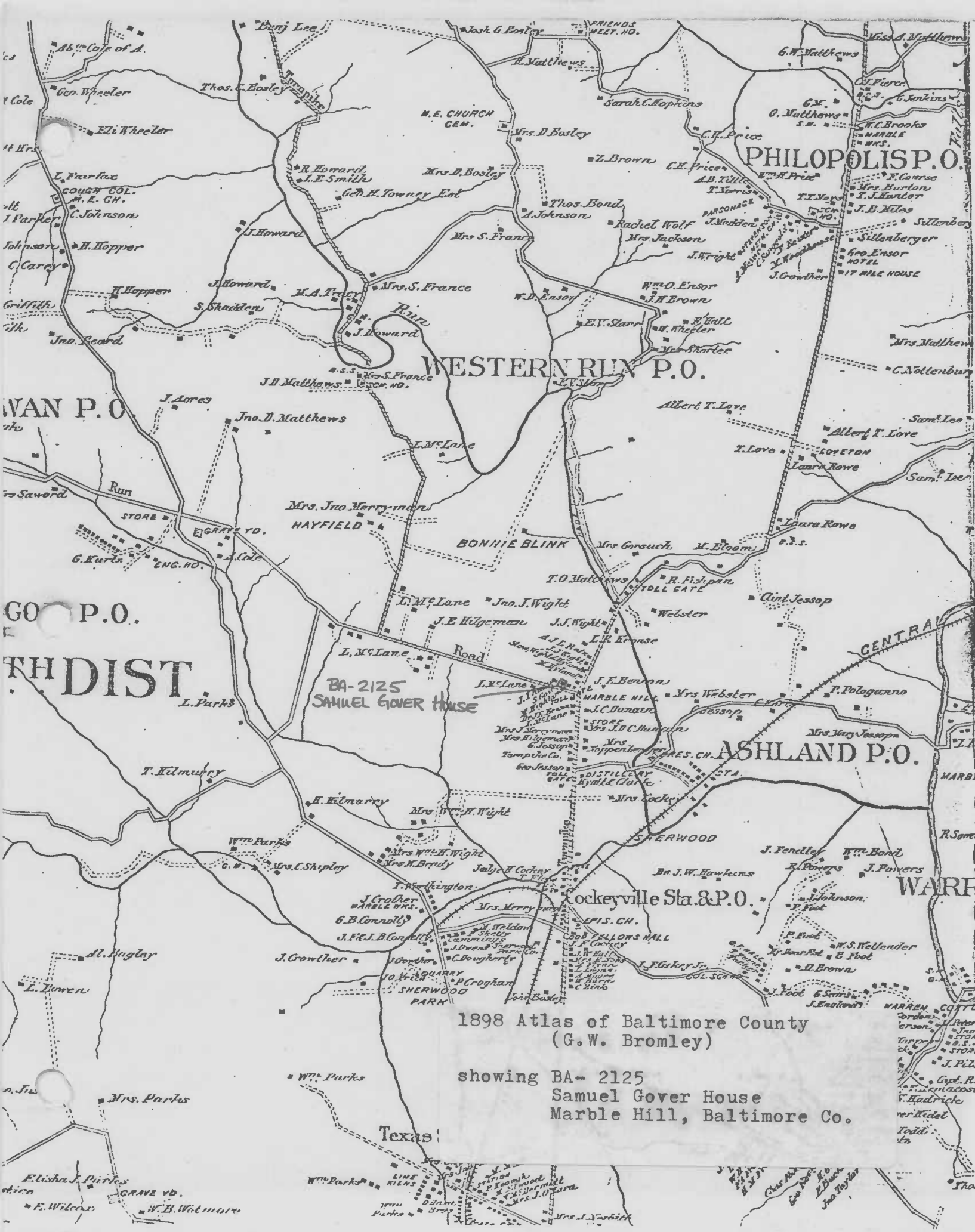
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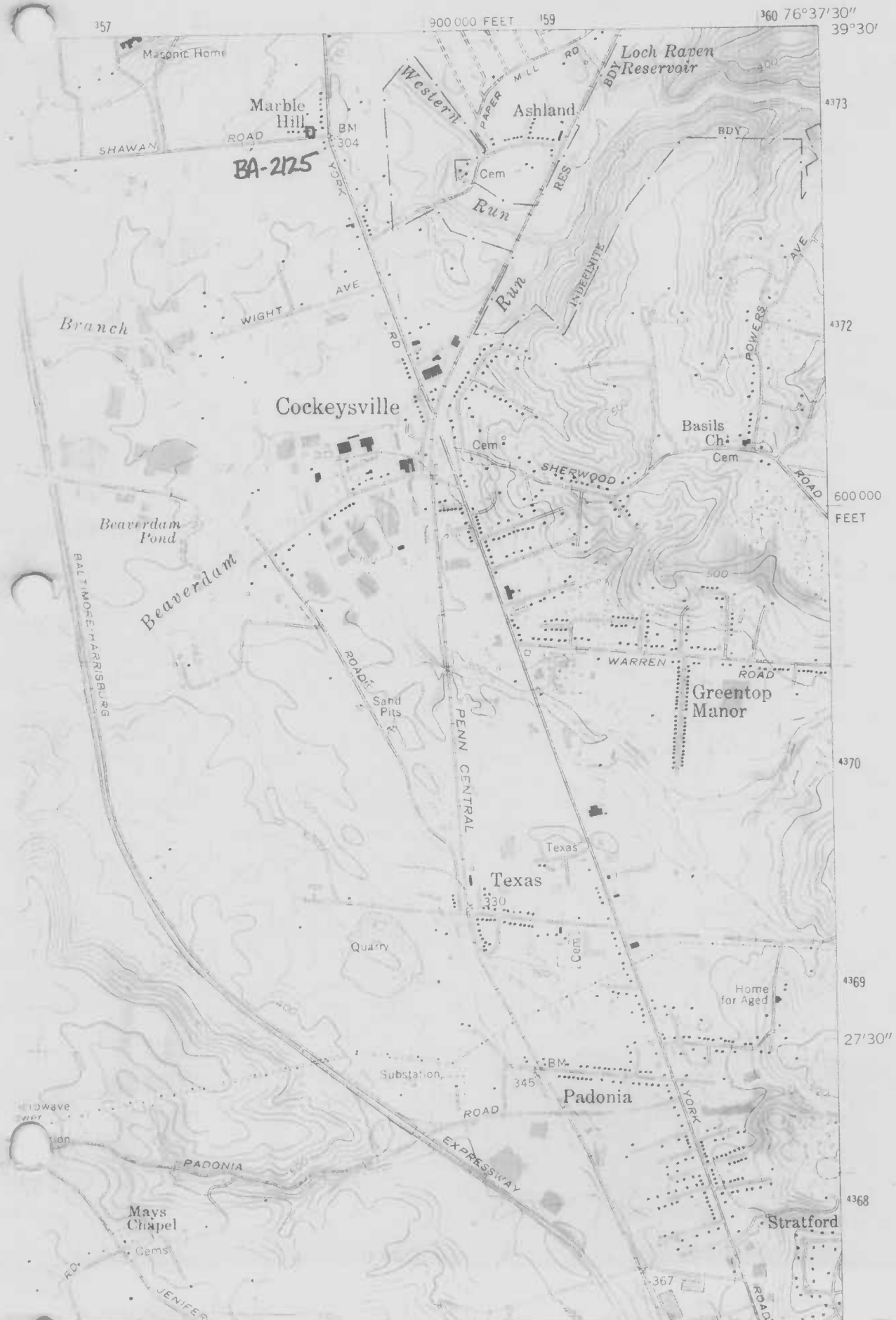
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1387/92 5/9/1945 deed	from: G. Walter Tyrie and Noah E. Offutt, executors to: Maurice F. and Mary Eleanor Kearney \$3500
LMcLM 898/388 6/22/1932 deed	from: Samuel J. Gover to: John Tyrie
JWS 176/507 6/13/1889 deed	from: John J. and Amelia A. Wight to: Samuel J. Gover \$250
WMI 147/572 9/29/1885 lease	from: John J. and Amelia A. Wight to: Samuel J. Gover \$250 plus \$15 yearly rent



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South facade

South facade

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Looking NW

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KODAK SAFETY FILM



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north: west  
facades

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north facade

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South facade

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South facade

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Looking NE

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Looking NE

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